

'Ground Rules' Sought by GOP

Broomhead, Ewing To Discuss Visit At the White House

Rhode Island's two top Republican leaders will go to Washington, probably Monday, to get directly from the White House a set of political "ground rules" for President Eisenhower's proposed summer visit to Newport.

Republican National Committeeman Bayard Rustin and William T. Broomhead, state chairman, decided on the Washington trip last night a few hours after the White House had announced the President will come to Newport, if he can, for a vacation.

By clarifying the "ground rules," the Republican leaders said, they meant they want to determine what the relationship should be between the local GOP organization and the presidential party.

"We're happy as a clam at high tide," Mr. Ewing said in commenting on the announcement.

Numerous Times

Both Mr. Ewing and Christopher Del Sesto, the 1956 candidate for governor, wrote and telephoned the White House numerous times in advance of the White House announcement.

Mr. Del Sesto, who served as the President's personal envoy to Puerto Rico several months ago, said Dean J. Lewis, GOP city chairman of Newport, also had written a letter to the President, urging the selection of that city as a vacation spot.

Personally, Mr. Del Sesto was inclined toward Warwick and had arranged for that city's Mayor Stone to go to the White House last week to attempt to "sell" the spot. "But, I'm sure glad he picked Rhode Island," Mr. Del Sesto said.

Adams or Hagerty

Both Mr. Broomhead and Mr. Ewing said they would make an appointment either with Sherman Adams, presidential assistant, or James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, to discuss the "ground rules."

Mr. Ewing said local Republicans naturally are happy at the visit, and that they do not want to interfere in any way with Mr. Eisenhower's plans while he is here.

But, both he and the chairman said, they also would like to know what the President will approve in the way of a political clambake or supper, or perhaps a social-political affair.

"That's what we're going to try to find out," Mr. Broomhead said. "What can we do without interfering? As the local Republican organization, we certainly want to make him welcome."

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basis of a scouting trip he made last Friday, Mr. Hagerty estimates that the White House itself is one hour and 55 minutes from the house the President would use on Coasters Harbor Island, figuring an air hop from Quonset to Washington.

When the President goes to play golf at any of 10 courses available to him in a 40-mile radius of Newport, there will be glimpses of him on the highways. This would be something short of close contact. The presidential entourage travels just as fast (now) as the law allows, because the Secret Service wants it that way. It is possible to live in Washington day in and day out, and except by advance planning, never see the President motoring through its streets.

Nevertheless, when he does, it is something of a production, with the fullest sort of police protection at all key points on his routes.

The accompanying entourage will, if the President's stay is of any duration, mix to some extent with the permanent residents. It takes a little time. Because of repeated stays by Mr. Col. John Jacob Astor at a reputed cost of \$50,000, has a deal of fraternizing, and some famous drinking clubs since 1906. For the past few decades, the mural has been located in the

Warwick's Bid Was Weighed, Came Too Late

Warwick received serious consideration by the White House as a summer vacation spot for President Eisenhower.

A few minutes after announcement of the selection of Newport was made in Washington, Robert Gray, a presidential assistant, called Mayor Raymond E. Stone of Warwick to tell him the news.

"Mr. Gray said he was told by the President to let me know he was impressed with the kindness and openness of our invitation and the manner in which it was done," the mayor said later.

"Naturally, I'm disappointed," Mr. Stone said, adding his congratulations to the City of Newport. "I'm glad the President has picked Rhode Island anyway."

Mayor Stone went to Washington last week to present his invitation. Arrangements for that visit were made by Christopher Del Sesto, 1956 candidate for governor.

Mr. Gray told Mr. Stone that plans for the vacation visit had progressed beyond the point of change, and that if Warwick's invitation had been received two days earlier it might have made a difference.

If the President had decided upon Warwick, he would have gone to private estates at Warwick Neck.

who would accompany the President to Newport are by and large an attractive group. Mr. Hagerty said yesterday that in addition to himself, they would include: Mrs. Ann Whitman, the President's personal secretary; Mrs. Mary Jane McCaffrey, Mrs. Eisenhower's secretary; Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, the President's physician; Mary Caffrey, Mr. Hagerty's secretary, and perhaps Gerald D. Morgan, special counsel to the President. Others would come and go as occasion required.

Because they work hard, and because of their close and confidential relationship to the President, the staff members are something less than free and easy in their contacts with outsiders. They tend to have a certain clannishness—although they might actually wish it were otherwise. They have their own internal jokes and almost a private language, at least in the sense of an array of allusions meaningful to them and meaningless to almost anyone else.

After nearly four and a half years in office, they are learning to relax a little more than they used to.

Correspondents accompanying the President tend to regard themselves as a special breed. This is partly due to human error, a belief that association with figures of power confers its own distinction. It is partly due to habit. Special privileges are usually accorded them.

Every instant The underlying and valid cause for this is that they are responsible for covering the President, in effect, every instant. They can never forget it, and they have always got to be ready to move fast, on split-second notice, literally at any hour of the day and night.

The correspondents will probably establish broader and deeper contact with the natives than any of the others in the President's group. They work hard when they play, and play hard when they work. They are on expense accounts, and tend to treat themselves pretty well. Their interest will be as varied as their number. Some will be genuinely interested in Rhode Island's history, others will be interested principally in golf, or sailing, or fishing, and some will concentrate on lobsters and steaks.

When they get through, they will know more about Rhode Island than most Rhode Islanders.

CLEANING UP 'KING COLE' New York — (AP) — An 8 by 30-foot wall mural oil painting of the legendary "Old King Cole" is undergoing a thorough cleaning job. The Maxfield Parrish mural, commissioned by Col. John Jacob Astor at a reputed cost of \$50,000, has a deal of fraternizing, and some famous drinking clubs since 1906. For the past few decades, the mural has been located in the

St. Regis Hotel.



The Viking Hotel, Newport, will be headquarters for the presidential press corps.

Truman Vacationed Here in '46

Quonset, it appears, is Rhode Island's gateway for vacationing Presidents.

The last presidential visit to these shores was on Aug. 18, 1946, and featured not Mr. Eisenhower but Harry Truman.

When Mr. Truman's vacation yacht Williamsburg docked at the Quonset Naval Air Station that Sunday afternoon, the President had been at sea two full days.

Quonset Point was the first land he touched since his vacation started. So Rhode Island, in a way, was Mr. Truman's first choice for a vacation spot 11 summers ago as it is Mr. Eisenhower's this year.

There, though, the resemblance between the top Democrat's sojourn here in '46 and the contemplated stay by the top Republican today ends.

Rhode Island had been kept in the dark about the Truman visit. It was "as closely guarded as the atomic bomb secrets" of the day, reports said.

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Newport Vacation Site to Give President Rest and Relaxation

President Eisenhower will find rest, relaxation, unrivaled beauty and plenty of opportunity for play in the Newport vacation spot he has selected for himself and Mrs. Eisenhower.

The first family will live in the house of the Naval Base commandant on Coasters Harbor Island, if the President can get away from Washington.

The house itself, built in 1880, is a 12-room two-and-a-half-story Colonial of stone and brick, painted white. It is located on the hill section of the Naval Base on 15 acres of land.

Wide Views From House At each end is a glass-enclosed sunporch. From the west there is a long-range view of Gull Rock, Rose Island and out the East Channel, virtually the only view of the ocean from the house.

From the front of the house, one can get a glimpse of the inner harbor of Newport and the Naval Hospital with the Washington Street shore in the distance.

The house is surrounded by lofty maple trees and in the center of the front lawn there is a three-ton anchor from the old frigate Constellation, which was placed there in 1924. It had been removed from the old frigate when she was tied up at Newport in 1906 and for many years lay on the pier. It took 16 horses to move the anchor to the lawn, according to Navy records.

Behind the house is a large garden extending back over a hill for nearly 300 yards and entirely closed in by an eight-foot privet hedge.

Has Sunken Terrace Immediately in the rear of the house itself is a sunken terrace paved with flat stones set in an irregular pattern. Chairs are set near a bird bath. To the rear of this is a circular gold fish pool about 10 feet in diameter, with pond lilies in bloom and fish swimming around.

The vast lawn is bordered with flower beds near the hedge and at the extreme rear is a rose arbor extending across the entire back boundary of the enclosed area with a pergola.

Quarters A, as the house is

known, will be reserved solely for the President and Mrs. Eisenhower and any personal guests they may have. It is possible that some of the White House personal staff may be quartered in the attic rooms during his stay.

The President doubtless will be extended the privileges of Bailey's Beach for bathing and enjoying sea breezes from the exclusive terrace.

For golf, he can use the Newport Country Club, one of the oldest private clubs in the country, which was established in 1894, and which, with the Brookline Country Club, were the original members of the U.S.

It's Beautiful, Mr. Hagerty, And Not Oily

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty slipped a bit on an oil slick yesterday when he announced President Eisenhower's vacation plans.

Several reporters asked questions about swimming at Newport near the Naval Base.

"There is no swimming in this area as such," Mr. Hagerty said, "mainly because of the destroyers and naval craft, pretty much of an oil slick."

Rhode Islanders could have told Mr. Hagerty that in spite of the fact that the Newport base is home port for about 120 ships there is actually very little oil spilled in the area, especially recently.

"I'd be very much surprised if there is any serious oiling around there," commented Harvey Flint, former chairman of the Pollution Information Committee. Mr. Flint described the water in the area as "beautiful."

There are no beaches on Coasters Harbor Island, however, as Mr. Hagerty noted. He called reporters' attention to the swimming areas elsewhere in Newport and Middletown.

Golf Association. Its stiff 18-hole course is considered one of the best in the country and was a favorite of the Duke of Windsor when he visited Newport some years ago.

Norman Palmer, pro at the club, whose family were neighbors of Sherman Adams, White House assistant to the President and who taught the Adams children to ski, wired an invitation to the White House for the President to play there when the news broke that the President had been invited to Newport.

In addition, president Howard G. Cushing, president of the Country Club, extended an official invitation on behalf of the Board of Governors.

The Country Club is located on Ocean Drive, approximately 10 miles from the Naval Base.

To reach it, the President would either have to travel by automobile through the city, a trip which would take about a half hour, or he could go by boat to Fort Adams and then travel about two miles from Fort Adams to the Club house.

The links are across Harrison Avenue from the entrance to Fort Adams.

James C. Hagerty, press secretary, tried out both routes, finding that the automobile route would take half an hour and the Fort Adams route only five minutes by car with possibly a 10 minute trip across Newport Harbor in a fast Navy officer's gig—and no doubt, the Commanding Officer's private barge will be used and will fly the President's flag for these trips.

Mr. Hagerty said that the President would probably use the Fort Adams route when he played golf.

As to yachting, if the President decides to go sailing, he can walk down the hill to the Navy pier at the Base, where the Navy has a fleet of 12-meter yachts.

No doubt plenty of local fishermen are prepared to guide the President to the best spots to cast for stripers. While there are no regular commercial fishing boats for deep sea fishing, there are a number which could be made available for that purpose.

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Security Needs Played Role In Choice of Newport Site

Preliminary arrangements for President Eisenhower's visit to Newport were made last Friday by James C. Hagerty, presidential press secretary, and members of the Secret Service, all of whom were interested in many other things besides a cool and comfortable vacation spot.

Mr. Hagerty was reported to have selected Rear Adm. Henry Crommelin's house on Coasters Harbor Island as the summer White House for reasons of security as well as its closeness to Navy communication facilities.

Mr. Hagerty and several others from the White House flew into Quonset Point from Washington. They went by

helicopter to Coasters Harbor Island, where they toured the Naval Base.

They then flew over the city to check routes the President would have to take to reach the Newport Country Club to play golf.

Mr. Hagerty did not enter the Country Club, apparently because he feared he would be recognized, but FBI men were on the ground checking security plans in the meantime.

The FBI agents did not get in touch with local police. They let the word pass around that they were in Newport to check the Jazz Festival which concluded a four-day stand in Newport Sunday.